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This is pathetic! I support free markets, not a needless waste of the government's time. There is no reason why XM should not have local information. The local channels still have a market, and I still listen to local AM and FM stations. The instant traffic and weather on XM has saved me alot of time and trouble. The local broadcast stations cannot provide the constant weather and traffic updates. This is why I pay for XM's service. Thus far, however, XM has not replaced local stations. Only if the local stations sit down on the job and start producing rubbish (like most of the big corporate owned media garbage spouts) they will still exist.